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Wikipedia • The Holocaust, known in Hebrew as the Shoah, was the genocide of European Jews during World War II. From 1941 to 1945, Nazi Germany and its collaborators systematically murdered around six million Jews across German-occupied Europe, approximately two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population.

The Ethnic Cleansing Of Germans After WW2

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The Allied victory in 1945 brought relief and joy to Europe, but to some people it was the start of a new nightmare. As the Allies celebrated their victory over the genocidal Nazi regime, Europe was experiencing the start of another ethnic cleansing that would target millions of people purely because of the way they were born or the language they spoke. Millions of innocent people would be removed from their ancestral homes, stripped of their rights and dignity, and told that they deserved it. Torture, rape, and murder awaited hundreds of thousands of them. Today on A Day In History, we uncover the story of the forgotten atrocity that reshaped Europe: the ethnic cleansing of over 12 million Germans.

Discover the untold chapter of post-World War II history that reshaped Europe forever. After the Allied victory in 1945, over 12 million ethnic Germans were removed from their ancestral homes across Eastern Europe in what became one of the largest population transfers in human history.
This comprehensive historical documentary explores the mass deportations of German minorities from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia, and other Eastern European nations between 1945-1950. Learn about the complex political decisions made at Tehran and Potsdam, the conditions faced by displaced populations, and the lasting impact on European demographics.

Topics covered:
✦ Historical context of German minorities in Eastern Europe before WWII
✦ Allied conferences and deportation planning (Tehran, Potsdam)
✦ Country-by-country examination of expulsion policies
✦ Conditions in camps and during transportation
✦ The Wolf Children of Lithuania
✦ Long-term demographic and political consequences
✦ Why this history remained largely unknown until the 1990s
This video presents historical facts from academic sources to ensure a balanced understanding of this significant but often overlooked period of

Sources:
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NEVER in 14 years of school in germany, of 14 years of history lessons a teacher EVER talked about this even once. Not even mentioned. Unbelievable and insane. Thank you very much for telling this forgotten side of history.

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Crazy how in school we just get the "happily ever after" version of the war

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"History is written by the winners" - Napoleon Bonaparte

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Rothschild didn't want us knowing about this

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Never in my life in Germany, in any history class or tv news this was even mentioned once. Not once.

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The moral of the story is that pretty much everyone is a victim in war - if you aren't one of those in power, that is.

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People generally prefer thinking they're "part of the right team" rather than accept that everyone is capable of discrimination and straight up evil.

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"Germany must perish". A book by Theodore N Kaufman, you can probably guess the plot just from the title.

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This happened on a smaller scale in the US but still happened. My great grandpa (passed in 2021) was persecuted for being of German heritage, he spoke German and had a German surname. My family tells me stories of how he struggled getting jobs, was often bullied, and was outright ostracized because he was German.

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@monamarples9264 7 months ago
In Germany we don't learn about that part in school
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@planetkc 8 months ago
You really can't talk about any genocide without Israeli Wikipedia saying it was The Holocaust when this video literally says German Cleansing
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@2sn9 4 months ago
"history is written by the victor."
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@thierry_prud 9 months ago
this is SO important, given that many of the germans that were expelled from eastern europe had been living there for CENTURIES, and weren't part of the nazi occupation. thank you for shining light on this forgotten piece of history.
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@SoapWaterBackwash 6 months ago
We never learned this because Ghislaine Maxwell's dad had a hand in the McGraw-Hill History books...
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The cycle of hate continues. No one wins except the elites.
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What I read in book called Windswept Lies of War keeps replaying in my head. Some parts feel like they were never meant to be published.
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